

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 are pending in this case. Claims 1 and 3 are amended by the present amendment. As amended Claims 1 and 3 are supported by the original disclosure,¹ no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Official Action, Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Watanabe et al. (Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-237929, hereinafter “Watanabe”) in view of Wölfert (German Patent No. 200 15 271).

The outstanding rejection is respectfully traversed.

Amended Claim 1 an information terminal apparatus including, *inter alia*, “a battery pack storage chamber within the thin housing structure and configured to receive the battery pack when the battery pack is not used as a stand.”

In contrast, Watanabe illustrates a portable information terminal where the battery pack 13 is as large or nearly as large as the terminal body 11.² Thus, terminal body 11 does not contain any aperture to receive the battery pack 13, as such an aperture would be as large as the area of the terminal body 11. Instead, the battery pack 13 lies flat against the terminal body 11 when stored.³ Thus, Watanabe does not teach or suggest is not “a battery pack storage chamber” as defined in amended Claim 1.

Wölfert illustrates a display portion 14 with a stand 16 connected to a back side thereof.⁴ Wölfert does not illustrate that the stand 16 is received in any aperture in the display portion body. Thus, Wölfert does not teach or suggest “a battery pack storage chamber” as defined in amended Claim 1 either.

¹See, e.g., the specification at page 26, lines 19-23 and Figure 9.

²See Watanabe, Figure 7.

³See Watanabe, Figure 8.

⁴See Wölfert, only figure.

Consequently, as neither Watanabe nor Wölfert teaches or suggests “a battery pack storage chamber” as defined in amended Claim 1, Claim 1 (and Claim 2 dependent therefrom) is patentable over Watanabe in view of Wölfert.

Claim 3 also recites “a battery pack storage chamber within the thin housing structure and configured to receive the battery pack when the battery pack is not used as a stand.” Consequently, Claim 3 (and Claims 4 and 5 dependent therefrom) is patentable over Watanabe in view of Wölfert for at least the reasons described above with respect to Claim 1.

Accordingly, the outstanding rejections are traversed and the pending claims are believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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